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Practical Christmas Gifts

Most folks are practical. At Christmas the welcome gift is the useful gift—Comfortable Slippers that fit right into one's personal life and leave pleasant thoughts of the giver each day of the year. Then there are warm comfortable Shoes, Foot-Warmers, Leggings, Overshoes, Fine Shoes for dress wear and Dainty Hosiery. All make desirable Christmas Gifts.

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KARSCH'S



LECTURE BY AN INDIAN

HIS SUBJECT WAS THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND THE MISSION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A most entertaining and instructive lecture was delivered at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Monday evening by Mr. Samuel Miller, who is a full-blooded Indian of the Stockbridge tribe of Wisconsin, and his lecture was enjoyed by a large audience. His subject was: "The American Indian and the Mission of the Lutheran Church Among the Stockbridge Tribe." The lecture was arranged by the Berea Bible Class.

The next lecture will be delivered by the Rev. R. Jesse, of St. Louis, on January 19th, also at the church. This will be an illustrated lecture on the Lutheran Missions among the colored people.

Try a year's subscription to The Farmington Times for your friend, no matter where he or she may reside. They will be interested in a record of the events of your home community, and you may be assured it will be highly appreciated. Can you think of anything that will so pleasantly remind them of you for at least fifty-two times in the year. It is impossible for you to think of anything more appropriate for a Xmas present.

GEORGE GETS THIRTY YEARS

FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER FOR KILLING FERD POLITTE—INDICTMENT FOR KILLING WIFE PENDING

The trial of Steve George for the murder of Ferd Politte on last Labor Day—at which time he also killed his wife—closed last Saturday night in the Circuit Court, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilt for murder in the second degree, assessing his punishment at 30 years in the penitentiary. Judge Dearing presided at the trial. George and his wife had separated and he had some time previous to the murder filed divorce proceedings against her for alleged infidelity. Mrs. George, with Mrs. Kate Turner, Perry DeWarren and Homer Wilkison, had gone to Desloge in an automobile from Elvins about 5:30 p. m. on Labor Day. The evidence on the part of the State disclosed the fact that George saw them leave, and immediately hired a machine and followed them to Desloge, armed with a revolver, and hunted up the party. He found them a little way from the grounds on which a picnic was being held, and began firing, killing both his wife and politte.

George left the scene of the shooting and on his way home stopped at

the house of a friend, where he left the revolver. When Deputy Sheriff Sam Doss and Constable Trask arrested him, he went with them to the place where he had left the revolver and got it from under a porch.

George is a Bulgarian and is about 25 years old. On the stand he claimed that he didn't know what he was doing, and that when he "came to himself" he was home, a distance of two miles from the scene of the double murder. Some of the witnesses for the defense, who were foreigners, also testified that he acted "funny", but if a defense of insanity was intended it was a very weak attempt, and it is said that a number of doctors who had been subpoenaed for the defense to prove insanity concluded that a sufficient showing had not been made to warrant such testimony. Testimony was offered to prove his good character, but evidence was introduced by the State to offset this, showing that he had been convicted three times during the past two years, once for carrying concealed weapons, and another time for flourishing a revolver on the public highway.

We understand that five of the jurors favored conviction for murder in the first degree. Motion for a new trial was filed, which will be taken up by Judge Dearing on the 28th of this month, when the charge against him for killing his wife will also probably be called for trial.

B. H. Boyer and Jasper N. Burks were George's attorneys, and the State was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Davis, Francis A. Benham and M. E. Rhodes of Potosi.

A CREDITABLE YOUNG HOME ENTERPRISE

On another page may be found the official statement of the first year's business, together with the report of State Examiners Robert E. Dally and H. T. Eaves, of the "Quick Payment Old Line Life Insurance Company" of Bonne Terre. This company was organized and incorporated under the laws of this State by about twenty enterprising young business men, with a paid-up capital of \$20,000. During the first year of its business it has paid \$2,441.66 in death claims, and these claims were paid at once without any waiting or red tape, fully justifying the name of the company—"Quick Payment." The company after paying all running expenses, has a balance of \$26,376.51, and all its loans, which are made on the basis of 50 per cent, are fully secured and its mortgages and notes deposited with the State Insurance Department as a guarantee for the payment of all policy liabilities. Look over the statement and report and see what a good showing this young company makes, and then patronize it. The largest amount for which it insures any one person is \$500.

KILLED BY FALLING ROCK

JOHN PAYNE MEETS WITH DEATH IN DOE RUN SHAFT NO. 9

John Payne of Flat River, an underground worker of the Doe Run Lead Company, was crushed so that he died from his injuries by a falling roof or rock in Doe Run Shaft No. 9 (old Onion shaft) last Friday. Mr. Payne was a young man about 34 or 35 years old, of upright Christian character and was highly respected by his fellow workmen and all who knew him. He said just before dying that he did not want to die, but that he was prepared to meet his fate.

He leaves a wife and four or five children who have the sympathy of many friends in their sore bereavement and this great sorrow which has come so early into their lives.

S. S. CHRISTMAS JOY BELLS

The Sunday Schools of the various local churches will celebrate on the dates given below:

Baptist
The Baptist Sunday School will give a musical and literary program Wednesday night, the 22nd.

Catholic
The Catholic School will have a Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd, and give the children a good time.

Methodist Episcopal, South
The M. E. Church, South, Sunday School will have a Christmas party Wednesday night.

Presbyterian
Santa Claus will visit with the children of the Presbyterian Sunday School Thursday night, and the primary class will give a cantata, "The Fairy Godmother," assisted by the Christian Endeavor Chorus.

Methodist Episcopal
The Methodist Episcopal Church will be decorated Thursday night, the 23rd, and there will be special exercises by the Sunday School, and each member will take an offering for the poor.

Christian
At the Christian Church there will be a musical entertainment Christmas night (Saturday), and each of the Sunday School classes will do some special helpful work.

Lutheran
There will be a Christmas tree and special exercises at the Lutheran Church Christmas night (Saturday).

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harlan went to St. Louis Thursday morning.

HISTORY OF FARMINGTON

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR TOWN WORTH KNOWING AND PRESERVING.

Farmington was laid out in 1822 on a tract of land which was given to St. Francois County by David Murray. The spot for the Court House was located by a board of commissioners consisting of the following gentlemen: Henry Poston, Wm. Alexander, Mark Dent, Wm. Shaw and John Andrews. In 1823 John D. Peers opened the first store in a log building west of the public square which he later removed to the east side where the Bank of Farmington now stands, and in 1833 formed a partnership with M. P. Cayce.

The original plat for the city was surveyed by Henry Poston. About the year 1826 Joseph Bogy, Jr., moved here from Ste. Genevieve and occupied the building vacated by J. D. Peers on the west side of the square. About the same time Mr. Day, a saddler, built the house where Mrs. Peers not long since lived and now occupied by the Odd Fellows building, while Isaac Mitchell built a house on the opposite side of the street which was occupied by John Boyce as a hotel. Thus the village grew, one log house at a time, until new comers, growing modern, commenced to build frame houses, of a pretentious character in keeping with the progress of the times. In course of years the village of log huts grew to be a town and then a city with some pretty frames and up-to-date log cabins, with the old-fashioned single sash 12 light windows which could neither be raised nor lowered. Many of the houses were pointed with mud and chink, but this was soon replaced by lime, which was burned from the superabundance of limestone which occurs in great quantities in this section. With the general evolution of things the log house was superseded by the more modern frame, which was in turn frequently replaced by a brick or stone structure.

In the course of 14 or 16 years the town had grown to be a small city, and the inhabitants decided upon incorporation; so, in 1836, in response to a sufficient petition, the town was incorporated by an order of the county court and Wm. O. Ross, M. P. Cayce, John D. Peers, Ed C. Sebastian and N. L. Fleming were appointed the first board of trustees. The material and financial progress of the town was not at a rapid rate, and in this it did not differ from other towns, its history prior to the Civil War being very similar to that of others in this section of the State.

Even up to the year 1860 its population was less than 500. Following are some of the most prominent business men of the fifties, just prior to the beginning of the Civil War: V. C. Peers & Co., M. P. Cayce, S. E. Douthitt & Co., and Arnold & Rucker. The Farmington Milling Co., as at present known, is none other than the original grist mill built here in 1856 by M. P. Cayce and S. E. Douthitt, having been enlarged, remodeled and modernized until today is one of the best mills in this part of Missouri. The original mill was operated in connection with an old-fashioned carding machine, to which the rural inhabitants for miles around would bring their wool to be carded into long rolls, which the housewife converted into yarn thread by means of the old-time spinning wheel, and this in turn into cloth by means of the old wood loom. Children of today, and many of our

grown-ups, no doubt, have never had the opportunity to see one of these olden-time practically antiquated machines which were in those days, as much a household necessity as sewing machines are today.

When the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad commenced to arrange to build the Belmont branch from Bismarck to the Mississippi River, this town refused to vote a subscription of stock, and as a partial measure of retaliation the branch road was located as far as possible from Farmington, even though it would have been much to the interest of the road to have passed through Farmington; but instead it was built two and one-half miles away, passing through an unsettled waste at that time, where DeLassus now stands. The railroad had a plat of DeLassus laid out and a town started there, and it was hoped that a nice city would grow up there, resulting in a transfer of the business to that point, thus injuring Farmington, but this did not eventuate, as Farmington has been more prosperous than ever before.

The first banking institution to be established here was founded in 1887 with A. Parkhurst as President and M. P. Cayce, cashier. It had an original capital stock of \$5,000.00.

In 1860, just prior to the general election of that year and just a short while before the beginning of our great civil war, Nichol, Crowell & Shuck began the publication of The Southern Missouri Argus, in support of the Douglas Democracy. The months just prior to that election were hot ones, there being four political parties, each having its nominee for President of the United States and each holding a different view of the great issue at stake in the contest of that year, namely, slavery. Nichol was from Kentucky, Crowell from Massachusetts and Shuck was a native of Missouri. Early in the next year, 1861, they, having lost, sold out to Joseph J. Brady, who ran the paper as the Missouri Argus until 1865, when he transferred it to his sons, J. J. Brady, Jr., and S. B. Brady. One or two years later they changed the name of the paper to the Farmington Herald, and in 1872 removed it to DeSoto. Wash. Hughes started the New Era at Libertyville in 1871 but soon moved it to Farmington, where he continued it until about 1876, when he sold it to George W. Harrington. Harrington sold to Tode Roussan, who changed the name of the paper to the Reveille, and after publishing the paper for several months he sold out and the plant was removed to one of the other Southeast towns.

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